

TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910

U. S. A. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96--22

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A WELFARE REFORM TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, a national welfare reform bill proposes to abolish the current welfare system, and to create a temporary assistance program that focuses on moving people from dependency on a welfare system to self sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, promulgation and implementation of welfare reform measures will require joint planning and coordination among affected government of Guam agencies to develop a plan of action; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to initiate planning efforts in order to effectively implement provisions on January 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the government to promote programs that enable families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, due to economic considerations, it is also desirable to revise the standards for current programs, such as public assistance, catastrophic illness program, and the medically indigent program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

- 1. the Welfare Reform Task Force is created, consisting of a representative of the following government agencies and segments of the community, to be selected by the Governor:
 - a) Governor's representative;
 - b) Department of Public Health and Social Services;
 - c) Department of Law;
 - d) Bureau of Planning;
 - e) Bureau of Budget and Management Research;
 - f) Department of Labor;
 - g) Agency for Human Resources Development;
 - h) Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority;
 - i) Department of Commerce;
 - j) Guam Community College;

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- k) Guam Health Planning and Development Agency; and
- k) Three (3) members of the community at large;
- 2. The representative of the Department of Public Health and Social Services shall chair the task force; and
- 3. The Welfare Reform Task Force shall review program rules an regulations, develop and recommend an implementation plan appropriate for Guam, and shall make recommendations for revising the standards for the public assistance, catastrophic illness and medically indigent programs; and
- 4. The Welfare Reform Task Force shall make a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than September 30, 1996.
- 5. The Welfare Reform Task Force shall expire upon December 31, 1996.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 19th day of August, 1996.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO Lieutenant Governor of Guam